

THE OTISFIELD NEWS

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The Womens Farm Bureau meets next week, Friday. The subject is Fashion and Finish. The leader will be Addie Bean and she is good.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vining and children spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wilkinson in Casco. Sunday they visited Mrs. Vining's sister Mrs. Civa Nurmi and family in West Paris.

State Forester A.D. Nutting and Mrs. Nutting were overnight guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Nutting Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Hankins and sons Thomas and David returned to Harvard Sunday. They spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goggins of Auburn were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Lunde Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wiley and family were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goss entertained Mr. and Mrs. Leo Richards and Frank Goss of Auburn for Saturday night supper.

Visitors at Grace Dyers the past week were Lawrence Spiller and daughter Barbara and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ramsdell of South Paris.

Madeline Lamb returned Friday from a vacation in Winchester, Mass.

Verne Butler of Portland spent Sunday with his brother Joseph Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whittum spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Channing Edwards on Johnson Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Kosti Haavisto of Harrison spent Sunday with the Alf Lundes.

Mabel Peaco has entertained her great grandson Robert Perkins, her grandchildren Christine and Vera Peaco this week.

Irene Wiley, her daughter June and son Herbert had dinner with Mrs. Hattie Rowe in Norway Friday.

Callers at the Ralph Freemans this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thomas, and children, Sarah Thomas, Lucy Glover and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey and family of Norway.

SPURRS CORNER

At the Congregational Church Sunday morning the topic will be "The Tabernacle"; in the evening the Rev. Enlow will have as a topic "The Golden Calf." Exodus 28-40 is the Bible reading for this week. As usual the messages will be taken from these chapters.

Mrs. Webber, the Police Woman, will speak at Youth for Christ at the Norway Legion Hall on Saturday night at 7:30.

The Cash children have returned to Norway after spending a week with their sister Virginia Chesley and family.

Georgiana Harmon from Bridgton visited Helen Mitchell a few days last week.

OTISFIELD GORE

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Dresser and daughter Nathalie and Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Green were among those who went to the card party at Bolster Mills Saturday night. A good time was reported by all. There were 3 Granges represented and visitors from Lisbon Falls. Refreshments of coffee, doughnuts, cake and sandwiches were served. Lawrence Lord won the door prize. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett, Eugene Morong, Rae Morong and friend Betty Bowman came in the last part of the evening after they had attended the wedding of Miss Margaret Buck and Mr. Norman Caswell earlier in the evening at Harrison.

Earle Dresser purchased a new horse at Danville Thursday; he likes him very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paine and young daughter moved to their home in East Oxford Sunday, after spending the winter with her folks Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thurlow and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Tyler of Norway were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Green and family.

Mrs. Shirley Thomas and son Edward and Ruby Green were in Oxford Monday afternoon after rug pieces. They also called on Mrs. Mabel Peaco and Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Jillson to see their hooked rugs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin of Richville were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett and family. They reported that they had just gotten the electric lights turned on there forenoon; they were so pleased that they went directly to Norway and purchased a new electric refrigerator.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Annis were in Lewiston one day this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thomas and two children went to Norway Sunday and got his mother Sarah Thomas and aunt Mrs. Lucy Glover and all went to Bell Hill to call on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Freeman and family. On their way home they called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Grey at Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett and son took Miss Rae Morong and friend Betty Bowman home to Lisbon Falls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Palmer and sister Eloise Vale were callers of Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Green Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and two sons went to the minstrel show in Welchville Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morong of Lisbon Falls spent the day Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Annis were in Norway Saturday evening and at-

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A communication to Mr. and Mrs. F.J. McMuliffe from their youngest daughter, Jean McMuliffe, who recently accompanied her sister Mary McKee and family to Monterey, Cal.

Feb. 18, 1949
General Line School
Monterey, Cal.

Dear Mom and Dad:-

I'm sorry I haven't written you sooner but you know how it is. We're staying at some friends of Mary and Johns and I don't have much time.

The first night of our trip we stayed at Anna's and Joe's. The second night we stayed at Jamestown, R.I. at the Tozer's house - friends of the McKees. The third night we stayed at Wilmington, Del. at John's aunt and uncle's. They have a beautiful mansion. They have five saddle horses. For each bedroom (there must be at least seven) there is a complete bathroom. The fourth night we stayed at Annapolis, Md. They stayed a few hours at John's mother's apt. in Baltimore. Mrs. McKee is very nice. Later we went to Elizabeth's place; she had just had a baby. That night we stayed in a tourist home just outside of Annapolis. The next day we went through the Naval Academy. Later we went through Washington and saw the White House, the Capitol and all the other buildings. Late that night we went over the Natural Bridge of Virginia, but it was so dark we could not see it. That night we stayed in Cloverdale, Va., just outside of Roanoke.

The next morning we went to church in Roanoke. That night we stayed in Woodstock, Tenn., quite near Knoxville.

The next day we drove to Little Rock Ark. I never saw such flat land in all my life. That night we stayed at Conway, Ark. The next night we drove to Dumas, Texas, and we stayed there three days. We found Marcello and John's dad in fine shape. They have a beautiful apartment. The next night we stayed in Gallup, New Mexico.

The next day we went to the Petrified Forest in Arizona. The trees have turned to stone. We saw the Painted Desert too. That night we saw Boulder Dam. Such a sight I never saw before! It was kind of scary at night. That night we stayed at Boulder City, Nev. That was right near Boulder Dam. The next night we stayed in MONTEREY, Cal. in a Motel. The next day we found the

SCRIBNER HILL NOTES

Iena K. Dyer

Fred and Doris Culbert went shopping at Norway Saturday night.

The Grover family called on their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler Saturday night.

Fred Culbert went fishing Sunday and came home with a nice pickerel.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Penley from West Paris were supper guests of the Culberts Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grover and family and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Grover went to Welchville Thursday night.

Helen Peaco went to the PTA meeting at Oxford Tuesday night.

Christine and Vera Peaco spent Tuesday evening with their grandmother Mabel Peaco at East Otisfield.

Doris Culbert was a dinner guest of her sister Lida Grover Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grover and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Errol Barker at Stoneham Sunday. On the way home they stopped at Norway and had supper with Rose Hamlin.

Marian Culbert was a dinner guest of Lida Grover Tuesday.

Lida Grover visited Doris Culbert Friday afternoon.

Gloria, Sonja and Janice Jillson called on the Dyers Sunday.

March came in like a lion and left plenty of snow and drifts on the Hill. The snow plow went up about 6 p.m. and opened up the road; now we are enjoying good roads and winter weather, after all the warm days and mud.

Budzianouskis and we've been with them ever since.

We have a little house which I suppose Mary has told you about. Soon I will start school, probably in Carmel. The school is 2 miles from the Pacific Grove, but we don't know their names.

I have to mail this so I will say goodby.

Love

Jeanie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swett of Ashland were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Pottle and Mrs. Mayola McMannus, Monday.

Leon Welch visited his brother Gifford Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lafferty of N. Windham were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Welch.

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B E A N AND GEROWS

F.J. COMMENTS

Oh Yes, March has come in like the lion. Now is it going out? - The new weather guard will spread its wings over our section this week when the weather ships will work out of Portland Harbor. It will patrol all the north routes of the Atlantic, so we will get more definite reports of the weather prevailing on the ocean with their most modern systems of communication the stations will be in constant touch, thus guiding land, sea and air travel. - One, nowadays, needs a good atlas with new maps, a good dictionary etc., to keep up. - The Holy Land warfare has somewhat lulled, as some of the parties have signed the peace pact; and we have also contracted to furnish oil piping for getting oil supplies - just one jump ahead of the Soviet. Then the Dutch East India question is under control. - Many more of our citizens are awakening to communistic design since the 15 protestant ministers are arraigned. Rather strange that so many "heads" of their denominations are "caught" at one time. "God must get out" of Soviet territory. Herod felt the same, but later lost out, after slaying all babies so he would surely catch the One he had heard would be a future King. Let us think and seriously seek to learn what is being taught in the colleges. This is the feeding ground of our philosophies and from there thru our educated teachers to bring it right into our homes - why are so many churches closing? - Town meeting Monday and there is not enough information being distributed so that tax payers can understand what is to be done. - Mrs. Stella McMuliffe has started her advanced study in art sign work at Boston; commuting each week. - Now that the question of manufacturing sawdust piles into useful and profitable products, Guy Scribner is going to start up his sawmill. - Jean McMuliffe having landed in California gives us stay-at-homes an account of her trip across country. - This morning a Russian Commission, which has been stationed in the American zone, was ordered out, but refused to go as they stated they had not received any orders from their headquarters. The Americans then cut off all communications, lights, power, etc. and drew a tight cordon about the building with strict orders to allow no entrance or departures. It may mean business.

I wish to correct a misstatement, which I understand is being quite widely circulated, in regard to the liability of non-resident taxpayers for payment of their proportionate share of the cost of a new central school if one were erected. Section of the "Act to Incorporate the Town of Otisfield School District" states very clearly that the assessors shall assess the total sum "upon the taxable polls and estates within said district" which includes all taxpayers, both resident and non-resident. This opinion is upheld by State officials in Augusta. Signed, Mrs. Josier Meister.

GERTRUDE'S CORNER

Hi folks. March came in like a lion, but will go out like a lamb according to the old saying. But you cannot always bank on what a lamb will do, for we once had one that would butt a neighbor over without cause. - The cow named Grady that got into the silo and couldn't get out became quite famous before a way was provided to get her out. I think every newspaper in the country related the story. - There is the true story of a strange thing a cow in this town did once. A flock of cows was pastured in an old field in which stood an old house that was no longer lived in - its doors were open throughout. One day the owner of the cattle went to look over the herd, but one cow was missing. He searched the field and adjoining woodland - but no cow. When he got back to old house he heard a noise in a chamber upstairs; he ran up and there was old "moolley" safe and sound. She had evidently gone up the stairs just like any other lady. - Gertrude I. Barrows.

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tended the baked-bean supper put on by Norway Grange.

Earle Dresser had the misfortune to drop a log on his foot Monday while working in the woods. Altho no bones are broken, his foot is badly bruised and swollen.

Janyce Johnson took care of master James Brett Friday while his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett and Eugene Morong were in Lewiston on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Green and son Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green and daughter Elaine and Mr. and Mrs. N. Green were in East Otisfield Monday evening to call on Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Jillson and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vining. The men folks enjoyed a game of cards.

Spurrs Corner

Mrs. Bourdon Scribner called on her mother, Alice Knight Sunday p.m. A good crowd attended Grange meeting Saturday night. The Deputy Carleton Edwards was present to give instruction. The Juvenile Grange regretted the absence of their matron, Helen Seilonen who was ill. The Juvenile Deputy, Dorothy Edwards was there for instruction.

Mrs. Stolla Jackson and daughter Margaret spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Emmons in Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bishop and family have moved from Dr. Meylans place to Stockton Springs. The Gildards have also left Dr. Meylans to move to Portland.

Pupils getting 100 in spelling are: - Nelson Riley, Jane Chapman, Donald Butler, Constance Butler, Carroll Gorow, Richard Berry, Margaret Berry, Beverly Bean, Frances Jackson, Jean Chapman, Carleton Gerow, Robert Sawtelle and Norman Bean.

A group of townspeople met at the Fabian Wilburs Monday evening for discussing consolidated school.

Watch for information on the school question next week.

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- An open letter to the citizens of Otisfield -
continued from last week:-

Some have proposed adding one room to the East Otisfield school. That would solve one problem - but only one. It would be possible to add a room to both our over crowded schools, but that would mean an additional teacher and construction costs out of line with the results obtained - and it is doubtful if such addition would meet state approval. Still another solution is to build three rooms on the East Otisfield school. That, of course, would provide a central school and solve our most pressing problems; but by the time we had remodeled the present building to meet state specifications and added the new units, we would have spent nearly as much as to build entirely new and it would be far short of an ideal building.

But some may say, granted that a consolidated school is the ideal solution, how can we pay for it? Our town can do it just as well as other towns with comparable population and valuation, if we have the faith to go ahead and will work together.

First it is necessary for the state Legislature to create a school district, so-called. This is nothing more than a means whereby a town may borrow for school purposes, an amount in excess of the usual legal limit of 5% of its valuation. When the Legislature creates such a district, it is necessary for the voters of the town to accept it. Then a board of trustees, consisting of five citizens of the town is elected and they manage the finances of the School District, until the school property has been fully paid for. The School District may issue serial bonds to run for as long as 25 years, if desired, or the time may be less.

The PTA committee has been studying the problem for several weeks. We have drawn up a petition. Hearing on it was held February 22. There is little question that it will be acted on favorably by the legislature. There were no opponents at the hearing. The act has been given emergency rating, which means that the voters may take action on it immediately after Governor Paine signs it, without waiting for the expiration of the 90 day period following the adjournment of this legislative session. (We did not know this until after the Otisfield News was edited last week.)

It is extremely doubtful if action can be taken March 7 at the annual town meeting, but the act must be accepted within four months after approval for it then becomes void. So before long it is probable that the voters of Otisfield must decide whether to mark "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall the act to incorporate the Town of Otisfield School District be accepted?" Before you make that decision you will consider, without doubt, a number of factors. But surely the paramount consideration is, what is best for our children. They are the ones who are suffering now; they are the ones who will benefit by an improved modern educational program. The young people in our schools today will soon be our future citizens - in the nation, in the state, in the town - in our town of Otisfield. And on us older people falls the responsibility of determining what sort of citizens these boys and girls will be and how well prepared they will be to meet the ever greater challenges of an increasingly complex civilization.

A noted educator once said if you want to do something worth while in life, do something for a child. Let us move forward, not backward; let us work together with courage and foresight to provide for the children of Otisfield a school of which all can be justly proud.

Signed .

Guy Louis Meister

Joseph A. Butler

Wesley C. Beane

-The Otisfield School Board